
HOUSE BILL No. 1276

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 15-5-1.1; IC 25-10-1-16.

Synopsis: Animal treatment by chiropractors. Allows a chiropractor who has a written referral from a veterinarian and who has completed an approved course to provide chiropractic treatment to an animal. Requires a chiropractor to maintain separate records and treatment areas between animals and humans.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 6, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 15-5-1.1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. As used in this
3 chapter:
4 "Accredited college of veterinary medicine" means a veterinary
5 college or division of a university or college that:
6 (1) offers the degree doctor of veterinary medicine or its
7 equivalent;
8 (2) conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the
9 American Veterinary Medical Association; and
10 (3) is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
11 or an accrediting agency that has been approved by the United
12 States Department of Education or its successor.
13 "Animal" means any animal other than man and includes birds, fish,
14 mammals, and reptiles, wild or domestic.
15 "Approved program" means a program in veterinary technology
16 that:
17 (1) conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the

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American Veterinary Medical Association; and
 (2) is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association
 or an accrediting agency that has been approved by the United
 States Department of Education or its successor.

"Board" means the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners
 created by this chapter.

"Bureau" refers to the health professions bureau established by
 IC 25-1-5-3.

"Chiropractic treatment" means:

**(1) the assessment of conditions related to the spine, nervous
 system, and joints; and**

**(2) the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment, primarily by an
 adjustment of the spine, of dysfunctions or disorders arising
 from the structures or functions of the:**

**(A) spine and the effects of those dysfunctions or disorders
 on the nervous system; and**

(B) joints.

"ECFVG certificate" means a certificate issued by the American
 Veterinary Medical Association Educational Commission for Foreign
 Veterinary Graduates, indicating that the holder has demonstrated
 knowledge and skill equivalent to that possessed by a graduate of an
 accredited college of veterinary medicine.

"Extern" means a senior veterinary student enrolled in an accredited
 college of veterinary medicine, or a second year student enrolled in an
 approved program in veterinary technology, employed by or working
 with a licensed veterinarian and under his direct supervision.

"Licensed veterinarian" means an individual who is licensed
 pursuant to this chapter to practice veterinary medicine in this state.

"Person" means an individual, an incorporated or unincorporated
 organization or association or a group of such persons acting in
 concert.

"Practice of veterinary medicine" means:

**(1) representing oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary
 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry in any of its
 branches or using words, letters, or titles in a connection or under
 circumstances that may induce another person to believe that the
 person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary
 medicine, veterinary surgery, or veterinary dentistry;**

**(2) accepting remuneration for doing any of the things described
 in subdivisions (3) through (6);**

**(3) diagnosing a specific disease or injury, or identifying and
 describing a disease process of animals, or performing any**

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procedure for the diagnosis of pregnancy, sterility, or infertility upon animals;

(4) prescribing a drug, medicine, appliance or application, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of bodily injury or disease of animals;

(5) performing a surgical or dental operation upon an animal; or

(6) administering a drug, medicine, appliance, application, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, or bodily injury or disease of animals, except where such drug, medicine, appliance, application, or treatment is administered at the direction and under the direct supervision of a veterinarian licensed under this chapter.

"Registered veterinary technician" means a veterinary technician registered pursuant to this chapter to work under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

"Veterinarian" means an individual who was a licensed veterinarian on August 31, 1979, or who has received a professional degree from an accredited college of veterinary medicine.

"Veterinary medicine" includes veterinary surgery, obstetrics, dentistry, acupuncture, and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine.

"Veterinary technician" means an individual who has successfully completed a program in veterinary technology of at least two (2) years in a school that conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association and that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

SECTION 2. IC 15-5-1.1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 9. (a) A person may not practice veterinary medicine in Indiana unless the person is licensed as a veterinarian in Indiana or holds a special permit issued by the board, and a person may not act as a veterinary technician in Indiana unless the person is registered as a veterinary technician in Indiana or holds a special permit issued by the board.

(b) The following persons are not required to meet the licensing, registration, or special permit requirements under this chapter:

(1) A veterinarian on the faculty of the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University performing regular duties, or a veterinarian employed by the animal disease diagnostic laboratory performing regular duties.

(2) A veterinarian employed by a federal, state, or local government agency performing official duties.

(3) An individual who is a regular student in an accredited college

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of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(4) An extern.

(5) A veterinarian licensed and resident in another state or nation who occasionally consults with a licensed veterinarian.

(6) The owner of an animal or a regular employee of the owner caring for and treating that animal, except where the ownership of the animal was transferred for purposes of circumventing this chapter.

(7) A guest lecturing or giving instructions or demonstrations at the School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University, or elsewhere, in connection with a continuing education program.

(8) An individual while engaged in bona fide scientific research which reasonably requires experimentation involving animals.

(9) A graduate of a foreign college of veterinary medicine who is in the process of obtaining an ECFVG certificate and who is under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(10) A veterinarian who is enrolled in a postgraduate instructional program in an accredited college of veterinary medicine, performing duties or actions assigned by instructors or working under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

(11) A licensed chiropractor who:

(A) provides chiropractic treatment to an animal under a written referral from a licensed veterinarian; and

(B) has successfully completed at least one hundred fifty (150) hours of animal chiropractic course work that has been approved by the board and by the board of chiropractic examiners.

SECTION 3. IC 25-10-1-16 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 16. A chiropractor who practices on animals under IC 15-5-1.1-9(b)(11) must maintain separate appointment books, separate health and financial records, and if animals are provided treatment in the same office as humans, a separate part of the office devoted to animal chiropractic treatment.**

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